GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:144
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2005
PENDING IRRIGATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of irrigation projects are pending with the Union Government for approval;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in according approval to those projects and the time by which the projects are likely to be given approval;

(c) the irrigation projects taken up/to be taken up by the State Governments during the Tenth Five Year Plan and the funds allocated for these projects, State-wise; and

(d) the details of progress of work and the action taken for timely completion of the projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS(a)TO(d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.144 FOR ANSWER ON 14-03-2005 REGARDING PENDING IRRIGATION PROJECTS.

(a)&(b) Out of 185 irrigation project proposals (95 major and 90 medium) received from the States, 101 irrigation projects (43 major and 58 medium) are under different stages of appraisal and remaining 84 irrigation projects (52 major and 32 medium) have been techno-economically accepted by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources subject to compliance of a few observations. State-wise details of the irrigation projects are in the statement at Annexure-I. The reasons for delay in clearance of irrigation projects can be attributed to inadequate surveys and investigation, hydrological studies, irrigation planning, estimate and economic analysis, etc; lack of attention to international and inter-State aspects, conjunctive use of surface and ground water, concurrence of State finance departments, etc. absence of environmental and forest clearances and clearance of rehabilitation and resettlement plans while submitting detailed project report for techno-economic appraisal to Central Water Commission. The time taken for clearance of projects depends upon the promptness with which the State Governments arrange compliance to the observations of Central appraising agencies.

(c) There are 169 major and 219 medium ongoing irrigation projects in the Tenth Five Year Plan. In addition the State Governments have proposed to take up 78 major and 136 medium new irrigation projects during the Tenth Five Year Plan. The State- wise details of the ongoing and new irrigation projects of Tenth Five Year Plan is given in the Annexure-II. The State-wise financial outlay for the major and medium irrigation sector is given in the Annexure-III.

(d) Irrigation being a State subject the irrigation projects are planned formulated, executed and funded by the State Governments out of their own resources and as per their priorities. Concerned with a large number of major and medium irrigation projects spilling over into Ninth Five Year Plan, the Central Government launched the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme(AIBP) during 1996-97 for accelerating implementation of such ongoing irrigation/multi-purpose approved projects on which substantial progress has been made and which are beyond the resource capability of State Governments. The Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under AIBP is released to the States subject to the ceiling finalized in the annual plan discussion held between the Planning Commission and State Governments. An amount of Rs 15,488 crore has, so far, been released as CLA under the programme for 182 major/medium and about 4100 surface Minor Irrigation Schemes. The details of CLA under AIBP released to the States are given in the Annexure IV. The Ministry of Water Resources/Central Water Commission and Planning Commission review the status of on- going/pending irrigation projects of the states from time to time with the representatives of the State Governments to ensure the timely completion of the projects under AIBP.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.144 FOR ANSWER ON 14-03-2005 REGARDING PENDING IRRIGATION SCHEMES

Sl.No.	STATES	Major			Medium			Total		
		A	B	Total	A	B	Total	A	B	Total

1.	Andhra Pr.	4	7	11	6	10	16	10	17	27
2.	Bihar	2	2	4	-	-	-	2	2	04
3.	Chattisgarh	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	02
4.	Gujarat	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	01
5.	Haryana	-	2	2	1	-	1	1	2	03
6.	Himachal Pr.	-	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	03
7.	J & K	1	-	1	7	2	9	8	2	10
8.	Jharkhand	3	4	7	-	-	-	3	4	07
9.	Karnataka	1	3	4	1	-	1	2	3	05
10.	Kerala	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	02
11.	Madhya Pr.	6	4	10	-	-	-	6	4	10
12.	Maharashtra	10	7	17	29	7	36	39	14	53
13.	Manipur	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	2	02
14.	Nagaland	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	02
15.	Orissa	2	4	6	1	7	8	3	11	14
16.	Punjab	4	1	5	2	1	3	6	2	08
17.	Rajasthan	3	5	8	8	-	8	11	5	16
18.	Tamil Nadu	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	2	02
19.	U.P.	3	8	11	1	-	1	4	8	12
20.	Uttaranchal	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	01
21.	West Bengal	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	01
Grand Total		43	52	95	58	32	90	101	84	185

A - PROJECT UNDER VARIOUS STAGES OF APPRAISAL.
B - ACCEPTED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES SUBJECT TO CERTAIN OBSERVATIONS.

Annexure-II

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.144 to be answered on 14.3.2005 regarding Pending Irrigation Projects

ABSTRACT OF ONGOING AND NEW MAJOR/MEDIUM IRRIGATION PROJECTS

SL. NO.	STATE	Number of Ongoing Projects		Number of New Projects	
		Major	Medium	Major	Medium
1	Andhra Pr.	15	9	19	24
2	Assam	5	5	0	0
3	Bihar	9	3	4	2
4	Chattisgarh	3	5	4	0
5	Goa	1	Nil	0	2
6	Gujarat	3	18	3	26
7	Haryana	4	-	5	3
8	Himachal Pr.	1	2	0	0
9	J & K	Nil	7	0	6
10	Jharkhand	5	19	0	5
11	Karnataka	16	18	3	10
12	Kerala	4	4	0	0
13	Madhya Pr.	16	5	4	2
14	Maharashtra	56	95	6	21
15	Manipur	2	1	1	2
16	Meghalaya	Nil	1	0	0
17	Nagaland	0	0	0	1
18	Orissa	10	10	11	5
19	Punjab	1	Nil	1	0
20	Rajasthan	4	4	5	15
21	Tamil Nadu	Nil	2	0	0
22	Tripura	Nil	3	0	0
23	Uttaranchal	3	Nil	0	0
24	Uttar Pradesh	9	Nil	6	0
25	West Bengal	2	8	6	12
	Total	169	219	78	136

Annexure III

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APPROVED OUTLAY FOR TENTH PLAN (Rs. Crore)

SL. NO.	STATE	Major & Medium
1	Andhra Pradesh	9153.84
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1.66
3	Assam	273.60
4	Bihar	3273.19
5	Chattisgarh	1721.37
6	Goa	175.40

7	Gujarat	7660.91
8	Haryana	1129.64
9	Himachal Pradesh	55.00
10	Jammu & Kashmir	237.43
11	Jharkhand	1720.86
12	Karnataka	13277.33
13	Kerala	600.00
14	MadhyaPradesh	3819.03
15	Maharashtra	12150.10
16	Manipur	221.60
17	Meghalaya	24.75
18	Mizoram	0.05
19	Nagaland	0.50
20	Orissa	2329.02
21	Punjab	1592.51
22	Rajasthan	2269.61
23	Sikkim	0.00
24	Tamil Nadu	1700.00
25	Tripura	44.17
26	Uttaranchal	103.28
27	Uttar Pradesh	6424.58
28	West Bengal	895.85
	Total	70855.28